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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated December 3, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit the following revisions and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this Amendment

Remarks begin on page 10 of this Amendment

Indication of Allowability – The Examiner is thanked for indicating that the subject matter of dependent claims 9-13, 21-23, 26 and 34-39 was allowable. Independent claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 9. Dependent claim 11 has been written into independent claim format. Independent claim 15 has been amended to include all of the limitations

of dependent claim 23. Dependent claim 21 has been written into independent claim format.

Independent claim 28 has been amended to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 34. As such the present application is believed to be in proper condition for allowance. Withdrawal of all remaining rejections and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.